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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST-LICENSE END USE CHECK ON
LICENSE 05-925994

REF: STATE 205261

¶1. (SBU) Following reftel instructions, post on October 6
contacted New Zealand Police, who have confirmed the order
of an F9811 Series (MX-10130) Gen 3 18mm image intensifier.
The image intensifier will be installed in a Simrad KN203
FAB MGC -- a night-vision scope to be attached to a sniper
rifle, for use in police nighttime operations, according to
Steven Eveleigh of New Zealand Police's account reporting
and finance office. The rifle and scope are considered
necessary because of the police's decision to form a full-
time Special Tactics Group, which includes an additional
sniper position.

¶2. (SBU) New Zealand Police believe that Owen International
of Sydney, Australia, is the only agent for the Simrad KN
203 in New Zealand and thus chose Owen to be the purchasing
agent for this order. In turn, Owen International contacted
Simrad Optronics of Oslo, Norway, to fill the order for the
KN203 FAB MGC, including the image intensifier. (Owen's
postal address is 15/2 Campbell Street, Artarmon, NSW, 2064,
Australia.)

¶3. (SBU) The KN203 FAB MGC, with image intensifier, has
not/not yet been sent to New Zealand, according to Pam
Bailey of Owen International. In fact, Bailey said that the
image intensifier -- which has been on order since early
2004 from the manufacturer, ITT of Roanoke, Virginia -- is
not expected to arrive in Norway until January or February
¶2005. Once Simrad receives the image intensifier, it will
install it in the KN203 night sight, put it through testing
and then ship it to Owen, for forwarding to the New Zealand
Police. Owen International is aiming for a delivery date of
March 18, 2005.

¶4. (U) Post will fax copies of New Zealand Police's
documents and e-mail messages on this order.

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